



The Friends' Forum

Friends of the Bourbonnais Library

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President's Letter

2017 will be bringing a big change for our newsletter! We will be going digital! As of this Spring, for those of you who have given us your email address, we will be emailing your copy of the Friends Forum right to your inbox! The board has made this decision based on a variety of reasons that I'm sure you have all heard before . . . mailing costs, going green, printing costs, etc. Or maybe, we just feel it's time to join the 21st century!

If you have not supplied your email address to us or can't remember if you did, please take a moment to send an email to our new editor, Carol Tharnish, at ctharnish429@gmail.com. Please include in the body of the email your name and that you wish to be added to the newsletter list for FOL. We will add you to the list and only use it for Friends of the Library news. Remember, this is only for our members.

If you wish to continue receiving a hard copy of the newsletter, that's fine. We will continue to mail them to you. Also, copies will still be available in the library lobby and online on our page of the Bourbonnais Library website. Have a wonderful and safe Winter!

-Carol Snyder, President



A Chocolate Tour

Mark your calendars now for an exciting event! The Village of Bourbonnais and the BTPD and Sweet Street are working together to bring you an opportunity to enjoy a "chocolate tour" of our village. Your ticket will open the doors to cooperating businesses where you will enjoy chocolate treats and surprises. Your Bourbonnais Library is one of the stops, and our stop is sponsored by both the Library and the Friends of the Library. We believe that this is a good use of funds as the Tour will bring more awareness to what our Library has to offer. This event is scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 2017, noon – 5 pm. Limited tickets are available, so don't delay. You can purchase them at btpd.org and all park district offices for \$20.

Our Gifts to the Library

We purchased three large burgundy tablecloths for use by the library and the Friends. Cost was \$470.00. We decided at the January meeting to fund a request from the children's department for a new train table and a foam tile puzzle map. The cost is around \$195.00. We will pay Carol Snyder for the ingredients for making the chocolate caramel marshmallow treats that she will make for the Chocolate Tour on February 4.

Teen Programs

Every Monday is a drop-in game day! Come to the Teen office from 2:45 until 4:00 for card games, or board games!

Every Wednesday is STEAM activity day! Come to the Teen office from 2:45 until 4:00 to complete a different activity in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.

January Programs:

Thursday, January 26th at 6pm join us for a Design Your Own Canvas program! All supplies will be provided, and there is no cost to the program. Registration is limited to 15 so please sign up as soon as possible!

February Programs:

Thursday, February 23rd at 6:30pm come to the White Oak Room for a Robotics Demonstration! The high school robotics club, as well as some local Lego Robotics clubs will be demonstrating their robots! Come with questions for a Q&A after the presentations!

March Programs:

Monday, March 13th and Tuesday, March 14th is a free CPR certification program going on at the library. Attendees must be 12 years of age or older, and go to both sessions to be certified. Space is limited; registration is required!

Wednesday, March 29th at 1:30pm there will be a teen movie in the White Oak Room. Snacks will be provided. Movie to be decided. No sign up necessary!

Gift Wrapping

The annual Holiday Gift Wrapping Workshop sponsored by The Friends of the Bourbonnais Library was held Nov. 30 in the White Oak Room. Shown displaying their creatively wrapped packages are, from left, Sara Heino, Bourbonnais; Adalina Kreighbaum, Bourbonnais; Pat Caise, presenter, Bradley; Avery Heino, Bourbonnais; Judi Bright, Bourbonnais; Carol Snyder, Friends of the Bourbonnais Library President, Bourbonnais; Marian Wulffe, Kankakee; Pat Swartz, Bourbonnais; Vickie Udelhoven, Aroma Park; and Nancy Campbell, Herscher. This free program was funded by proceeds from the annual Friends of the Library Book Sale.



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Book Review

'Prayers for Sale' by Sandra Dallas

This book was an unexpectedly delightful and engrossing read. The back cover describes it as 'a powerful novel about an unlikely friendship between two women and the secrets they've kept in order to survive life in a rugged Colorado mining town'.

And it is so much more! Hennie has led a very full life and at the age of 86 is looking at moving in with her daughter's family for her golden years. Although she loves her daughter, she is finding it hard to leave her life behind. As she tries to come to terms with the move, we are led through her memories and learn about her present life. There are twists and turns and ups and downs as her life comes full circle. The writing is beautiful and compelling. With concise and yet detailed descriptions of the time and places, it is easy to picture Hennie's world. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and look forward to reading more books from this author.

Submitted by Carol Snyder

Adult Programs:

Art for Stress Management

Looking for a creative outlet to help manage your stress? Come to this event on Tuesday, January 31st at 6pm and participate in some creative and open-ended activities that will help you step outside the box and incorporate some positive and artistic ways to deal with stress. No experience necessary! Contact Cassidy in Adult Services for more information.

CPR Certification Class

Sign-up for this two part CPR Certification Class on Monday, March 13th from 6-8 and Tuesday, March 14th from 6-8. This is a free class and will CPR certify attendees for two years. Attendees will need to sign-up for both sessions in order to be certified.

Read Between the Lines Book Club

Read Between the Lines is a fiction book club for adults that meets the second Tuesday of the month from 10-11am. This book club is open to adults who are interested in great books and engaging conversation. The Winter book selections are:

January 10th-*I Let You Go* by Clare Mackintosh

February 14th-*The Last Letter from Your Lover* by JoJo Moyes

March 14th-*My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman

50+ Book Club

This book club, specifically for seniors, will meet from 10-11am on the third Tuesday of the month. Share your love of reading and join in a great discussion with other seniors.

January 17th-*Pretending to Dance* by Diane Chamberlain

February 21st-*Miller's Valley* by Anna Quindlen

March 21st-*The Readers of the Broken Wheel Recommend* by Katarina Bivald

Moby-Dick Book Club

The Kankakee Area Library Association (KALA) is uniting to participate in The Big Book Project. Libraries from this association will be leading book discussions about the legendary novel *Moby-Dick* by Herman Melville. The next session will be on January 25th at 2pm and we will be discussing chapters 54-77. The following session will be on March 22nd at 2pm and we will be discussing chapters 78-97. Contact Cassidy Jacobson in Adult Services at 815-933-1727 or by email cjacobson@bourbonnaislibrary.org for further information.

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Computer Classes

The Bourbonnais Public Library will offer three computer classes in March. Advanced registration and a \$5 deposit are required. Call 815-933-1727 or stop by the Circulation Desk for further information.

March

3/9 at 10am-PC Basics

3/16 at 10am-Internet Fundamentals

3/23 at 10am-Intro to Facebook

For further information about adult programs at the Bourbonnais Public Library contact Cassidy Jacobson in Adult Services at 815-933-1727 or visit the library's website at www.bourbonnaislibrary.org.

Who are the Friends of the Library?

The Friends of the Library are people who care about the Bourbonnais Public Library and support it by providing funding for special programs, projects and purchases not possible in the library's budget. These resources and services are beneficial to all within our community.

To date there are 106 annual members and 18 lifetime members.

Your continuing involvement is very much appreciated. Thank you.

-Karen Kujawa, Membership Chair

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